**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

TO: **All Tennessee PTA Local Units, Councils and Members**

FROM: **Tennessee PTA Legislative Committee**

SUBJECT: **Students Storm the Hill, February 21, 2018**

Make Plans Now for Students Storm the Hill 2018!

Tennessee PTA **Students Storm the Hill** is scheduled to take place **Wednesday, February 21, 2018.** Since its inception, Tennessee PTA Day on the Hill has rallied thousands of students and PTA members from Bristol to Memphis to journey to the State Capitol in an effort to have their voices heard on issues affecting their health, education and overall quality of life in Tennessee.

The 2018 Students Storm the Hill will be both educational and empowering for those involved. Participants will have an opportunity to meet face-to-face with their elected representatives, learn about how bills become law, and see state government in action by attending a session or committee meeting. In addition, participants will gain an understanding of how to approach government officials and advocate for important issues.

Middle and high school students and PTA members from across the state are invited to participate. Local PTA’s are encouraged to work with schools and business partners as well as reach out to community groups to organize this special trip to Nashville.

**Accompanying this Call for Participation, you will find forms to help your group to participate in Tennessee PTA Students Storm the Hill 2018, including:**

* **Intent to Participate Form—**This Form is required in order to participate. Follow the instructions on the form to complete and submit by the January 24, 2018 deadline.
* **Parent permission Form---** This is provided as an example for your use, if needed.
* **2017-2018 Tennessee PTA Legislative Priorities---** Use this along with additional materials that will be provided in advance to educate your students about Tennessee PTA’s role as advocates for children and families.

**The deadline to declare your group’s “Intent to Participate” is January 24, 2018**; in addition, a complete list of participants attending is also required **no later than Wednesday, January 24, 2018.** In order to properly plan and ensure the best experience for everyone involved **late submissions will not be accepted.**

In case of inclement weather, the alternate date for Students Storm the Hill will be determined.

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